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# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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P. O. Box 1060  
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CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. William H. Weiss, III  
Emergency Response Section  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Mr. Weiss:

In response to your letter of March 21, 1991, received March 25, 1991, we have been able to locate some of the records in this office and some are stored in the Archives.

You requested copies of mining leases on five (5) separate sites (locations). We are transmitting, under separate cover, copies of records on three (3) of the sites, as follows:

1. Allotment No. 077031, Brown Vandever - Lots 3, 4 and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Township 13 North, Range 10 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian.
  - a. Copy of Allotment or Estate Record.
  - b. Agency file on Todilto Exploration and Development Corporation Mining Lease No. NOO-C-14-20-8396, cancelled, consists of two (2) folders. The two folders contain the mining lease, letters of application to lease, letters by landowners to Agency, letters/memorandas with Minerals Management Services, environmental assessment, archaeological clearance, rental and bonus payment receipts, exploration and mining plans, analysis of minerals contracts, underground mining maps and surface maps, annual operating reports, royalty calculations, and various letters and reports related to this lease and lessee from approximately 1976 to 1988.
  - c. A prior Mining Lease No. 14-20-0603-7240, for Cibola Mining Company, a limited Partnership, formerly Mesa Mining Company, composed of Homer Scriven, Jerry D. Jones and Kenneth H. Tenbrink, dba Mesa Mining Company. This record was transferred to the Federal Records Center in Missouri; and has been requested to be returned to this office.
2. Allotment No. 077411, Walter Vandever - N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 13, Township 13 North, Range 11 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian.
  - a. Copy of Allotment or Estate Record.
  - b. Agency file on cancelled Uranium Mining Lease No. NOO-C-14-20-5681, George Warnock, as lessee, one (1) folder.

This lease file contains title status report, letter awarding lease for high bid, bid form, receipt for bonus bid and rental, journal voucher, miscellaneous correspondence, lease transmittal to title plant, maps of mine location and exploration roads, exploration examination reports, check transmittal letters, exploration expenditure report and statements to accompany the report, annual operations report, rental and minimum royalty receipts, mine inspection reports by District Mining Engineer, Bureau of Reclamation inspection reports, copy of surety bond showing Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company for \$10,000 and George F. Warnock as the principal and an environmental assessment. The mining lease is in favor of George F. Warnock approved October 23, 1975 for a term of ten (10) years. It expired October 23, 1985.

3. Allotment No. 059387, Heirs of John Desidero - NE $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 26, Township 13 North, Range 12 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian.
  - a. Copy of Allotment or Estate Record.
  - b. Agency file on cancelled Mining Lease No. NOO-C-14-20-8450, of Amiran Company, Ltd., not cancelled due to lessee's failure to restore and perform reclamation of the site. Record consists of two (2) folders containing the mining lease, all correspondence, memoranda with U.S. Geological Survey and Lessee, exploration plan, maps, environmental assessment, archaeological surveys and final clearance, payment of rental and royalty record, release of lease, bonding, photos of mine site and various correspondence and papers related to the lease.
  - c. A prior and original operator on this site was George Hanosh of Grants, New Mexico, who had Mining Lease No. I-149-IND-8909, cancelled and retired to the Federal Records Center in Missouri. We have requested the records on this lease be returned to this office.
4. Allotment No. 059419, Nonabah Vandever (Mrs. Charlie Vandever) - We cannot locate the record on this site. However, we have requested the return of several records from the Federal Records Center in Kansas City, Missouri. This record maybe together with other files in boxes previously shipped to the Federal Records Center.
5. The fifth site in Section 13, Township 13 West, Range 11 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, for which the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, is the Permittor. We cannot find a record of who was the Permittee.

The Bureau of Land Management, formerly the U.S. Geological Survey, having jurisdiction over mining operations has the records, will forward copies of Lease No. I-149-IND-8913.

We trust that these records will help you to identify the sites and former operators. There is a charge for making 1,077 copies from these records at fifteen cents (15¢) per copy, a total of \$161.55. Please make your check payable to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Area Office, P. O. Box "M", Window Rock, Arizona 86515-0714.

Sincerely,



Acting Assistant Area Director

Enclosures